(e) A petition, dated 8th Kanni 1103, was received. This too has been enquired into.

(f) Yes. But the Road Committee appointed in pursuance of the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 20th January 1915, C. 310/1090, has not, in their report, dated 5th April 1916, recommended this road.

Since the matter is still under investigation, there appears to be little use in placing these papers on the Table at this stage.

(g) Yes.

(h) Yes.

(i) No regular survey nor estimating was done.

(j) The two different alignments have been proposed for this road, the one from 1/4 of the Vyntala road roughly costing Rs. 16,000 and the other from 0/2 of the same road.

The Chief Engineer's final report regarding them has not been received. The question of providing funds can be considered only after receiving the Chief Engineer's final report about the alignment and their exact cost.

Nerangampara and Pothundi coupes.

671. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of the contractors to whom the fuel coupes of Nerangampara and Pothundi were given during the last 3 years; how much fuel was removed by each of them and what was the amount realised from each every year and how many trees were cut for fuel each year;

(2) were any of the contractors allowed to remove timber; if so, who are they; what was the quantity of timber removed; what was the kind of timber and what was the amount realised in each case every year; was there any notification inviting tenders for the removal of such timber; if so, when; was the notification only for the removal of fuel;

(3) are there instances except the above in the Forest Department where the same contractor was allowed to remove the trunk, the toplings and the fuel at the same time; if so, to whom and when?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) The fuel coupes were opened from 1102 only. The names of the contractors for 1102 and 1103 are V. K. Nayar and R. Viswanathan Chetti. The former removed 1,500 cart-loads of fuel for Rs. 650 in 1102 and the latter 2,000 cart-loads for Rs. 900 in 1102. 1,800 trees were marked for felling. In 1103 V. K. Nayar removed 810 cart-loads of fuel for Rs. 603—4—6 and R. Viswanathan Chetti 1,620 cart-loads for Rs. 1,206—9—0. 2,281 trees were marked for felling.

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(2) Both the above-named contractors were allowed to remove timber. In 1102 jungle-wood timber of 11 species amounting to cds. 1,250 for Rs. 4,355 was removed. In 1103 both jungle-wood and monopoly timber as shown below were removed:—

(a) Jungle-wood of 15 species of 930 candies for Rs. 2,400.

(b) Monopoly timber of teak and rose-wood of 2,000 candies for Rs. 26,630.

There was no notification inviting tenders for removal of timber in 1102 and in 1103. But it was only for removal of fuel.

(3) Yes. There are instances where both fuel and timber portions got from the trees felled for fuel were given to one and the same contractors, A. Raman Nayar of Kallampara coupe, Sitaram Spinning and Weaving Mills, Trichur.

Assignment of poramboke or puthuval lands.

672. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House the total areas of *poramboke or puthuval* lands that has been assigned away in the whole State during the last six years and the areas assigned to each community in the State and the total amount of money collected by such assignments ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Vide statement appended (*Appendix VIII.*)

Allotment for Agricultural improvement.

673. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done with one lakh of rupees set apart for agricultural purposes ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 443 (b) and (c).

Government Officers exempted from payment of toll

674. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of Government officers who are exempted from paying toll in the State;

(b) the names of Heads of Departments who have not paid toll to any of the toll contractors during this year ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) The Member's attention is drawn to article 258 of *the Land Revenue Manual.*

(b) The information is being collected.

Nemmara Panchayat Administration.

675. Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of members of the above Panchayat ;

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